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A COLONIZATION SCHEME.

Senator Hoar has introduced a bill in Congress, the provisions of which might be put into effect by the Territorial legislature, with profit to the islands. The Hoar bill provides for a Colonization Bureau in the Department of the Interior, with an appropriation to permit loans up to \$1,500 to persons settling on homestead lands.

Governor Carter some time ago was considering the same sort of scheme for filling the now vacant lands of the Territory with desirable settlers, though doubtful at the time of the legality of such an act on the part of the Territorial Legislature. His idea is that if the Territory can loan to prospective settlers a sufficient sum to make their homesteads self-supporting, they will eventually be able to repay the amount, and the government will benefit in the increase of tax values. While such a colonization scheme would possibly bring in a large number of American farmers anxious to start life afresh it might also be of benefit in making a large percentage of the Hawaiians self-supporting.

The bill which has been introduced in Congress is favored by Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army, who hopes thus to relieve the congested city populations. The bill authorizes the proposed Bureau Colonization Bureau to make loans not exceeding \$1,500 to any person duly qualified to enter land under the homestead laws, and properly certified to as to character; the money to be used in improving and establishing a home and farm on the land, and the loan to be repaid by the settler with interest at 6 per cent, in annual or semi-annual installments. The Commissioner is authorized to pay from any such loan the expenses of transportation of the settler's family and his necessary household effects, and the loan is to be a lien on the property purchased and acquired. A Colonization Fund for the purpose is to be provided by the issue of not more than \$50,000,000 3 per cent fifty-year bonds, not more than \$5,000,000 of which are to be issued per year. The lands acquired by a settler are not to exceed forty acres irrigated and eighty acres non-irrigated.

A COUNTY SUBSTITUTE.

If the commission authorized by the Kellinot resolution performs its functions properly, there will be little need for the work of the county bill commission. Kellinot's concurrent resolution provides for the appointment of three men to serve without pay "to report at the next regular session of the Legislature a plan for the reorganization of our system of accounts, by establishing funds for each Island or District, so that the residents in each may be able to see what each district contributes to the support of the whole, and how much has been expended for improvements and the maintenance of public institutions in each."

The only valid argument advanced in favor of county government so far, has been the one that the islands, other than Oahu, had not been getting a proportionate return for the amount of taxes paid, an argument which, however, has never been borne out by the facts. If the newly authorized commission devises a plan which will demonstrate just how much each district pays for the support of the government, with the counter statistics showing the amount each receives in return, some of the residents of the outer districts will speedily learn that Oahu is about the only island which raises sufficient revenue to support the double system of government. When once the people of the Territory learn that for every dollar spent in the luxury of a double government, they must pay one dollar in taxes, the agitation for a county law will be confined to the professional job chasers and the riff-raff which pays no taxes.

The legislators will receive pay at the rate of a hundred dollars per week for the ten days they are in session. The salary is probably more than double the amount the majority of the members ever earned in private life, but the taxpayers are quite willing that they should be paid at the same rate of salary at the regular session if they keep within the four weeks limit.

Maul growers have also begun the export of bananas to the California market. The banana industry offers wide possibilities for the future of Hawaii. Eventually it means the establishment of a fast line of fruit steamers, which will settle the tourist question for the islands by the offer of tempting passenger rates.

DR. ATCHERLY HAS A KICK

Kamuela, South Kohala, Hawaii, T. H. April 15th, 1904.

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Sir:—In self-defense may I ask you to allow me to make public the means by which the same Legislature that last June raised my salary to 125 dollars, as Government physician, were induced to lower it to ten dollars a month, and at the same time to reduce that of other physicians.

I have it on the authority of certain members of the House, one of them the Speaker, that the following story about me, told by Governor Carter, produced the desired result, as well it might. This was the story: That a poor native boy came to me for medicine, for his wife, who was seriously ill at Hamakua (Hilo district), and that I refused to give the medicine till he paid for it, although my pay at that time was \$125, and that of the patient's husband only \$20. This statement seemed, to those members who knew me, utterly incredible, and they asked for time to communicate with me, which was refused. Now the true account of this will show that the "poor boy," the patient's husband, was a Swedish farmer and team owner, certainly not poor or indigent. That he sent his Japanese with a note for the medicine, instead of coming himself. That my salary at the time was 50 dollars and not 125 dollars a month. That he had only that month given up hauling and gone to work for the ranch at 26 dollars together with a house rent free, free food, etc. That I was altogether unaware of this change. I had treated this family for some time having visited them at their home in Hamakua, six miles out of my district. He occupied this house with land and owned horses, mules, wagons, etc., with which latter he worked on the Government roads, hauling materials, and receiving \$7.25 a day (see books of S. Kohala Road Board) a sum more than three times my own pay of 50 dollars a month. He was under treatment himself, for a severe injury, just before his removal, and had not paid his bill, although he was able to do so; consequently when on April 30th, 1903, he sent his Japanese for more medicine for his wife, I told the Jap that I objected to continually treating people of another district for nothing, and left him waiting, while I went to the near-by store. In the meantime he laid a complaint at the ranch office, and Mr. Alfred Carter spoke to me about it; I gave the Jap the medicine, and he paid a dollar for it. In such a district as this without plantations a physician at 50 dollars a month must get fees from those who can afford it or he could not exist. It seems that he had just quit the hauling business and gone to work for the ranch at 26 dollars, but even then his income with free house rent and food was equivalent to more than my 50 dollars, prices here being higher than in Honolulu. It is likely that Mr. Alfred Carter knew nothing of this patient's real circumstances, still it would have been more just had Governor Carter investigated matters before discrediting me in the House. To be condemned, without a hearing, for charging a man in better circumstances than myself, a fee for medical services, when my own pay was not half enough to support a family in such a place in Waimaea, is the cruelest injustice. And if the physician here cannot exist on 50 dollars a month and then never to demand a fee, on pain of further reduction, is an utter absurdity. I am sir, Yours truly,

JOHN ATCHERLY,
M. R. C. S., etc., Govt. Physician to South Kohala, Hawaii.

Shakespeare's "Disinherited Child."

It is probable that many Shakespearean readers have never even heard of a play called "The Two Noble Kinsmen"; and yet no less eminent authorities than Lamb and Coleridge, and in our own day, James Russell Lowell, have come to the conclusion that Shakespeare collaborated in its authorship. Mr. Rupert Hughes, an American writer who has carefully examined the credentials of the play, says that its claims to authenticity are just as strong as those of "Titus Andronicus" and "Pericles." Moreover, its qualities are "so splendid that it ranks among the very highest of Shakespeare's achievements in the minds of those of us who think it his." The same writer continues (in The Theatre, January):

"This is no place to go into an historical argument on the merits of the case further than to say that, against Hazlitt, Hallam, Knight, Ulrici, Von Fresen, Furnivall, and Rolfe, who were not convinced that Shakespeare had a hand in the work, one can place the names of Lamb, Coleridge, Spalding, Dyce, Schlegel, Hickson, Fleay, Ward, Stack, Lowell, Littledale, Hudson, and Skeat, as well as the title-page of the 1634 edition (printed only eighteen years after Shakespeare's death), which says that it was 'written by the memorable Worthies of their time: Mr. John Fletcher and Mr. William Shakespeare, Gentlemen.' To these authorities we would add confidently the internal evidences of the text."

The plot of the play was probably suggested by the Boccaccio legend embodied in Chaucer's "Knight's Tale" of the Canterbury series. Says Mr. Hughes:

"In his description of the Temple of Mars, Chaucer proved that he had the epic as well as the lyric touch. It is in the same temple scene of the dramatized version that one reads such majestic lines as surely no Elizabethan could have written save one. Arcite, with his attendants, kneels and prays Mars' favor in his approaching combat with his former boon friend Palamon. This is his apostrophe to war (very timely, too, in these bloody days of arbitration):

"Thou mighty one, that with thy power hast turn'd

Great Neptune into purple, whose approach
Comets prewarn; whose havoc in vast fields
Unearthed skulls proclaim; whose breath blows down
The teeming Ceres' foison, who dost pluck
With hand omnipotent from forth blue clouds
The mason'd turrets: that both mak'st and break'st
The stony girths of cities; me thy pupil.
Youngest follower of thy drum, instruct this day
With military skill, that to thy laud I may advance my steamer, and by thee
Be styl'd the lord o' the day! Give me, great Mars,
Some token of thy pleasure!

[Crash of thunder.]
Oh, great corrector of enormous times,
Shaker of o'er-rank states, thou grand decider
Of dusty and old titles, that heal'st with blood
The earth when it is sick, and cur'st the world
Of the pluriety of people, I do take
Thy signs auspiciously, and in thy name
To my design march boldly! Let us go!
[Exeunt.]

"Of these lines Lowell said not only that in them Shakespeare expressed the true philosophy of war, but that they were 'as unlike Beaumont and Fletcher as Michelangelo's charcoal head on the wall of the Farnesina is unlike Raffaele.' These and other considerations numberless impel me to condense the whole matter of the authorship of certain scenes of the play to this. If they were not written by Shakespeare, they were written by some one with a skill equal to Shakespeare's at his best."—Literary Digest.

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